

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: )  
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NEWMAN, DERÉ, et al. )  
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EXTENSION POLE WITH TOOL LOCK AND )  
RETRACTION DAMPENER )

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Dear Sir:

POWER OF ATTORNEY

The Owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-referenced application is Specialty Products of Greenwood, Missouri, Inc. (hereinafter "Assignee"), 400 Walnut Street, P.O. Box 377, Greenwood, Missouri 64034-0377. The undersigned, Deré Newman, President, has the authority to sign on behalf of Assignee.

An assignment of the above-referenced application from the inventors, Deré Newman, and William Daniel Richardson to Assignee is attached hereto.

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**DECLARATION**  
(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT  
or CIP Application)

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34714

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**EXTENSION POLE WITH TOOL LOCK AND RETRACTION DAMPENER**

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c) for type of application)

**REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION**

- (a) [ X ] is attached hereto.  
(b) [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

**PCT FILED APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL PHASE**

- (c)  was described and claimed in International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

- [ ] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:  
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- (d) [ X ] no such applications have been filed.  
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